

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 9-17, 22-25 and 30-33 have been withdrawn from further consideration as being drawn to a non-elected species; the title has been objected to as not being descriptive; and Claims 1-18, 18-21 and 26-29 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Japanese Patent Publication JP 60-116668 (hereinafter JP '668) in view of Traskos et al. (U.S.P. 6,574,075). Claims 9-17, 22-25 and 30-33 have been canceled thus, Claims 10-8, 18-21 and 26-29 remain active.

Considering first then the Examiner's objection to the title, such has now been revised for closer compliance with U.S. patent practice and procedure.

Considering next then the rejection of Claims 1-8, 18-21 and 26-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over JP '668 in view of Traskos et al., it is to be noted that each of the independent claims have been amended so as to specify that the continuous layers laminated together overlap one another over an entire length portion thereof and that at least one of the continuous layers is pivotally securable to an assembly carriage. In this regard, it is noted that with respect to the above-noted emphasized limitations of the independent claims, neither JP '668 nor Traskos et al. teach or disclose these limitations. As recited in independent Claims 1, 18 and 26, the present invention has claimed, patentably distinct limitations as compared with JP '668 and Traskos et al. More particularly, in accordance with the present invention (1) a multilayered plate member comprises at least three continuous layers laminated together and overlapping one another over an entire length portion of the multilayered plate member, and (2) the multilayered plate member is pivotally securable to an assembly carriage. There is no teaching or disclosure of these limitations in Traskos et al. and in JP '668. While there is disclosed in Figure 2 multilayers 2R, 2Q, 2P, 2S and 2a, such layers are not overlapped over an entire length portion of the multilayered plate

member. It is therefore submitted that each of the above-noted independent claims clearly patentably define over JP '668 and Traskos et al. as well as the remaining references of record.

It is further submitted that neither JP '668 nor any of the remaining references of record teach or disclose Applicants' limitations as now claimed in each of independent Claims 1, 18 and 26. It is submitted that each of Claims 2-8, 19-21 and 27-29 contain additional limitations having no corresponding teaching or disclosure in the prior art of record. In view of these limitations and in view of the above-noted arguments in support of the patentability of independent Claims 1, 18 and 26, it is submitted that each of Claims 1-8, 18-21 and 26-29 now merit indication of allowability with the same being hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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